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HIGH CIRCULATION, MODERATE LA PRENSA GRAFICA'S EDITORIAL PAGE CARRIED AN ARTICLE BY WELL KNOWN COLUMNIST AND FORMER SCAN-EFE STRINGER CARLOS GIRON UNDER THE HEADING "IS CARTER IN FAVOR OF TERRORISM?" GIRON STATES THAT "THE RECENTLY HELD PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN EL SALVADOR WILL SERVE AS A BAROMETER TO MEASURE PRESIDENT CARTER'S 'NEW MORAL POLICIES' TOWARDS LATIN AMERICA. BUT THE FIRST MANIFESTATIONS OF THESE POLCIES ARE FRANKLY DISCOURAGING IF ONE IS TO EVALUATE A STATEMENT MADE BY ONE LARRY BIRNS, THE DIRECTOR OF AN INFLUENTIAL PRIATE ORGANIZATION, THE HEMISFERIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL, WHICH IS DEVOTED TO STUDYING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA."

"THE NEW CARTER POLICY, ACCORDING TO THE 'INFLUENTIAL MR. BIRNS', WOULD BE TO SUPPORT LEFTIST REGIMES; IN OTHER WORDS, TO BACK THOSE ELEMENTS THAT WANT SOCIALISM AND COMMUNISM, NOT-WITHSTANDING WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS ACHIEVED THROUGH VIOLENCE OR TERRORISM."

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"APPARENTLY, THAT NATION WHICH IS RECOGNIZED AS THE MOST DEMOCRATIC IN THE WORLD IS CONVINCED NOW THAT PEOPLES' SALVATION LIES IN SOCIALISM. A BEAUTIFUL PARADOX."  
GRIFFITHS

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